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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of § 1.136(a), applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated July 30, 2003 for three months from October 30, 2003 to January 30, 2004. Enclosed is a check for \$475.00 to cover the cost of the extension.

Also, if any additional payment is required, please charge the cost thereof to deposit account no. 02-2135. An extra copy of this letter is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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